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Teachers begin work-to-rule

by JENN WATT
Editor

Elementary and secondary school teachers commenced their work-to-rule action on Tuesday, saying the province has failed to address key issues raised during negotiations.

The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation both announced that Nov. 26 would be the first day of job action, which will include pulling back from some administrative duties.

OSSTF, representing high school teachers, said it has begun a "limited withdrawal of services that will affect government or school board initiatives only."

Members will not participate in EQAO standardized testing, submit Ministry of Education data reports, attend unpaid staff meetings outside the regular school day, provide comments on report cards, or perform the work of another bargaining unit.

"We're disappointed to be at this point, but despite [Minister of Education] Stephen Lecce's repeated claims of good faith bargaining, the Ford government continues to use their legislative power to impose increased class sizes and limitations on salary," said Colin Matthew, local OSSTF president, in a press release. "These cuts are negatively affecting our students through bigger classes, less individual attention, fewer course options and more combined [classes]."

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In the festive spirit

Khushboo Patel, Anokhi Shah, Siddhi Shah, Surabhi Joshi and Harman Preet visited the sneak peek evening of the 10th annual Festival of Trees, held Nov. 21. The event was opened to the general public from Nov. 22 to 24, and offered more than 50 trees, gift certificates, gift baskets and wreaths donated by local merchants, residents and groups. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

Usage up at Dorset Recreation Centre

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Nov. 21 meeting of Algonquin Highlands council.

The number of visitors and membership sales at the Dorset Recreation Centre is up from this time last year.

According to a report from parks, rec and

trails director Chris Card, the facility saw 994 users during October – doing everything from visiting the fitness room to using public access computers to playing pickleball – versus 834 users during the same month in 2018.

"When you look at the facility uses, the majority of that is going to the fitness room," Card said. After renovations, new equipment was installed at the site earlier this year. There were 106 membership sales for the rec centre in October, compared to 19 during October of 2018. Card told councillors he be-

lieved this spike was directly associated with the new fitness room. Card also told council that the transition of the former Haliburton County Public Library branch space at the centre into a community hub space was complete, and that staff were looking at dates to host an official opening.

Trails revenue up

A report from parks, rec and trails director Chris Card indicated there was a huge

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**Santa receives
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Minden's 20th annual Santa Claus parade brought holiday spirit and festive cheer to the streets, where crowds lined Bobcaygeon Road on Nov. 23 for the event.
/SUE TIFFIN Staff



The Correctional Service Canada Community Pipes and Drums played tunes along the parade route.

Besides candy and rainbow-coloured beads, some kids along the parade route went home with a stuffed animal.



Northern HVAC Co.'s fun and festive float was celebrating the holiday spirit with plenty of waving and dancing.



Ivy Voicey expertly leads Zipper the miniature horse along Bobcaygeon Road during the 20th annual Santa Claus Parade held Nov. 23.

Community mourns music-loving, hardworking family man

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

Justin Daniels's family said the morning of Wednesday, Nov. 20 would have been like any other work day.

Justin, a 37-year-old talented carpenter, would have been "awake at the crack of dawn, shower, dressed, breakfast, pack his lunch and out the door to head to the job site for 7 a.m.," wrote his sister-in-law, Brianna Christopher, on behalf of his wife, Michelle, to the *Times*.

Instead, at approximately 8 a.m., a multi-vehicle collision occurred on Hwy 118 near St. Peter's Road in Algonquin Highlands, involving four vehicles including a cement truck that rolled into the ditch, shutting down the road until that evening. Justin died at the scene. Police said the cement truck driver was transported to a Toronto-area trauma centre with serious injuries. The cause of the collision remains under investigation.

Though newer to the community, the accident and news of Justin's death sent shockwaves through the county.

"Justin was a gentle man with a huge heart," his mom, Valerie Kulla, wrote to the *Times*. "He was kind and generous."

His only sister, Deanna Daniels, said the loss is devastating, that he was a one-of-a-kind person.

"This is not going to be a little loss that is felt for a little time," said his sister. "This is not somebody who just went to work and went home. This is somebody who's been out and, he did everything for everybody."

She said her brother – eight years younger than her – was generous and giving.

"He was such a good man, he would do anything for anybody, anytime," she said. "He would never let you down. You could call him at 3 o'clock in the morning and he'd get up and come and help you with whatever. It didn't matter who you were, you didn't have to be family, you just had to need."

Justin leaves behind his wife of 12 years, Michelle, and three children, who his sister said were "his whole world."

"Justin had an enormous love for chil-



Justin Daniels died last Wednesday, Nov. 20 in a multi-car accident on Hwy 118 near St. Peter's Road in Algonquin Highlands. Family and friends said the 37-year-old carpenter adored his family, including wife Michelle and their three daughters. /Photos submitted

dren," said his mom. "Everything he did was to provide a good life for his family. He was happiest when he was spending quality time with them."

Numerous friends and family members describe him as being a devoted family man, always engaging with his kids – 12-year-old Peyton, nine-year-old Cameryn and four-year-old Addison.

"Justin had a love for his guitar and up until the night before he passed, he was spending time with Peyton teaching her how to play, he loved having dance parties with his girls while being smothered in kisses by Cameryn and building Lego creations with Addison," Christopher wrote to the *Times*. "The family loved being outdoors having bonfires, taking the dogs for long walks, adventures to new locations and even trying things outside their comfort zone. Justin made his ladies feel safe when he was around and was able to calm them when needed."

He also loved his work, with family describing him as hardworking and proud of his craft.

"Justin loved to work and loved to keep busy," said Christopher. "He could be found working on a job site, in his garage, cleaning his truck, gaming, or spending time with his girls."

"He could make anything," said Deanna. "I remember I told him I needed a new table, and I had an idea and said, is it possible? And he said, anything's possible with wood ... It's the most beautiful table I've ever seen."

Justin, Michelle and their family had moved here from Apsley in March 2018 to be closer to his work. Justin's mom and her husband have lived here since 2002, owning Oakview Lodge and Marina for 14 years before moving to Little Hawk Lake.

His mom said they were in South America when her brother called to tell her about the accident.

"Everything from that day is a blur," she said.

"Justin's loss has been a shock to everyone that knew him," wrote Christopher.

"You could meet him for five minutes and you'd never forget him," said his sister.



The community has responded to support Justin's family using an app called Meal Train, which helps friends and family to provide meals daily, while counselling teams were available at the girls' school to help support students after the accident.

A celebration of life and reception will be held at the Haliburton Legion on Saturday, Nov. 30 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The family has asked that friends and family refrain from sending flowers. To those wishing to help support Justin's family, the family asks that the community call Brianna at 705-977-1172 to make arrangements until a bank account in their name has been set up, or through the Justin Daniels Celebration of Life fundraiser on Facebook.

"All the love and support from the community has been amazing and is appreciated more than words can express," said Christopher, on Michelle's behalf.

Further details about the accident and those involved have not been released.

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Meetings are held at 9:00 AM in the Minden Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street.

Dec 12 – Combined COTW & Council Meeting

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Note: Council meetings are reduced to one (1) for the month of December

NOTICE – PUBLIC MEETING for PROPOSED FEE CHANGES

Please take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting on Thursday December 12, 2019 during its combined Committee of the Whole and Regular Council Meeting, regarding proposed changes to its Fees and Charges By-law.

This meeting will commence following the two (2) 9:00 AM Public Meetings for proposed Zoning By-law Amendments in the Council Chambers, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON.

Dated this 28th day of November, 2019.

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From Nov 1st to Apr 30th, overnight parking is prohibited between the hours of midnight and 8:00 AM on township roadways and parking lots. Furthermore, parking in the turning circle of a cul-de-sac is prohibited during all hours. Vehicles parked in these areas that prohibit the removal of snow will be towed away and/or ticketed at the owner's expense.

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In support of the Annual Minden Community Christmas Basket Program, donations of non-perishable food items and new, unwrapped children's toys can be dropped off at the following locations:



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- Minden Hills Fire Department, 24 hours a day

Donations will be accepted until December 18, 2019.

NOTICE – 2020 Budget Deliberations

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will commence its 2020 Budget deliberations during its combined COTW/Regular Council Meeting scheduled for December 12, 2019.

The meeting will commence at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden ON.

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Teachers gather outside ASES on Tuesday

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Members of OSSTF District 15, which represents about 400 secondary school teachers and occasional teachers as well as 25 student support professionals, will be distributing information about the negotiations over the next week and have planned to picket at MPP Laurie Scott's office in Lindsay and MPP Norm Miller's office in Bracebridge. The union says the pickets will not affect the regular school day.

ETFO, representing elementary school teachers, occasional teachers and other education professionals, said that they've entered "Phase 1" of their work-to-rule action, similarly withdrawing from Ministry of Education and school board activities, while continuing their work in the classroom.

"ETFO wants the Ford government to work with us on important issues but, so far, it has not shown much interest in doing that," said Sam Hammond, ETFO president, in a press release. "Our members are getting impatient and they are taking strike action because it seems to be the only way to get this government's attention."

Hammond said that the union and the government are "very far apart on many substantive items" and specifically called out the government for planning cuts to elementary education. He said that school-based violence and class sizes are issues that must be addressed.

In Minden, teachers met outside Archie Stouffer Elementary School on Tuesday morning before the school day began to march into the school together.

Responding to the first day of work-to-rule, Minister Stephen Lecce reiterated that



Close to 40 educators met outside Archie Stouffer Elementary School on Tuesday, Nov. 26 in Minden, including members of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario. This action was part of ETFO's work-to-rule job action. Every Friday ETFO members across the province will be wearing red, to show solidarity. /DARREN LUM Staff

he's committed to finding an agreement that is acceptable to both the provincial government and the union members.

"I've been clear – I want to get deals that keep children of this province in school," he said in a statement.

"The government has remained a consistent and reasonable force at the negotiating table, trying to reach a deal that provides certainty and predictability to parents, students, and educators. As evidenced by the voluntarily

negotiated agreement with CUPE, I know we can get there through working together in good faith, so that students remain in class," he said. "My negotiating team stands ready for meaningful, good-faith bargaining 24/7, to reach the deals Ontario students and families deserve. There is a path to a deal, and it requires all parties to be reasonable and fair and put the needs of our children first."



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Water trails see revenue boost in October

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increase in revenue from the township's water trails system during the month of October from the same time period last year. While revenue for October of 2018 was just less than \$2,400, revenue for October of 2019 was nearly \$6,850, an increase of 187 per cent. Revenues to date for the year included in the report were more than \$316,000, up from just less than \$290,000 in 2018, an increase of nine per cent.

Decreasing plastic consumption

The township's environment and stewardship committee continues to work on the creation of a plastics reduction strategy for the township and councillors discussed ways of reducing the use of single-use plastics, including the possibility of water refill stations in commonly used public spaces, including at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Department heads will also be looking at ways to reduce plastic consumption within their departments.

Landfill closure plan

Councillors accepted the closure plan for the Hawk Lake landfill, a lengthy document prepared by consulting firm Cambium Inc. The landfill is nearly at capacity and scheduled to be closed in 2021. While councillors discussed the possibility of converting the property to a transfer station, with other municipal landfills not far away, they voted earlier this year for a full closure of the site.

"My only comment would be around the public notification," said Mayor Carol Moffatt, "and just, given our past experiences and we know there's still some angst around the closure, that we maybe reach out a little more for informing the public exactly what's happening and when." In October, councillors were visited by members of the Halls and Hawk Property Owners' Association, requesting that council revisit its decision to forgo a transfer station and informing councillors they didn't believe there'd been enough consultation with property owners prior to the closure decision.

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Shuttered

WHILE A FEW new businesses have set up shop along Minden's main drag throughout the past few months, a number of them have also closed their doors.

Since the summer, at least four businesses in Minden's downtown have closed, or announced they are closing. Another downtown storefront sits vacant after the owner of a longtime business there passed away earlier this year. Then of course there are the two glaring eyesores of Minden, the former Rockcliffe Tavern and the former Beaver Theatre, once flagships of the village that now sit like dilapidated ghosts along two of its main arteries.

There is an ebb and flow to the village's commercial livelihood. Downtown Minden is anchored by a handful of longstanding, successful businesses, while other storefronts in between are more of a revolving door for commercial enterprises that, for whatever combination of reasons, are unable to last for very long.

Certainly an ongoing challenge for Minden proper is that it is bypassed by Highway 35. Every once in a while, someone will ask why it is that the downtown of Haliburton Village seems so much more vibrant than Minden's downtown. The answer is that downtown Haliburton is at the nexus of two major arteries – Highland Street, which is County Road 21 before it reaches the village, and Maple Avenue, which to the east and west is known as provincial Highway 118. Natural traffic movement means Haliburton always has some vehicles flowing through it, while

Minden has to essentially flag people down, pulling them off the highway. Certainly, during my years here, I have met a few people who didn't realize that Minden was more than the businesses located along the corridor of the highway and that there was, in fact, an entire community located just out of sight.

The county's seasonal economy is also a challenge. Things that may sell well during the boon of the summer season and its influx of affluent cottagers may not sell

well during the depths of January. Trying to strike a balance between creating a business that is a unique shopping experience while also viable on a year-round basis cannot be easy.

Mobilizing merchants in Minden has always been a problem.

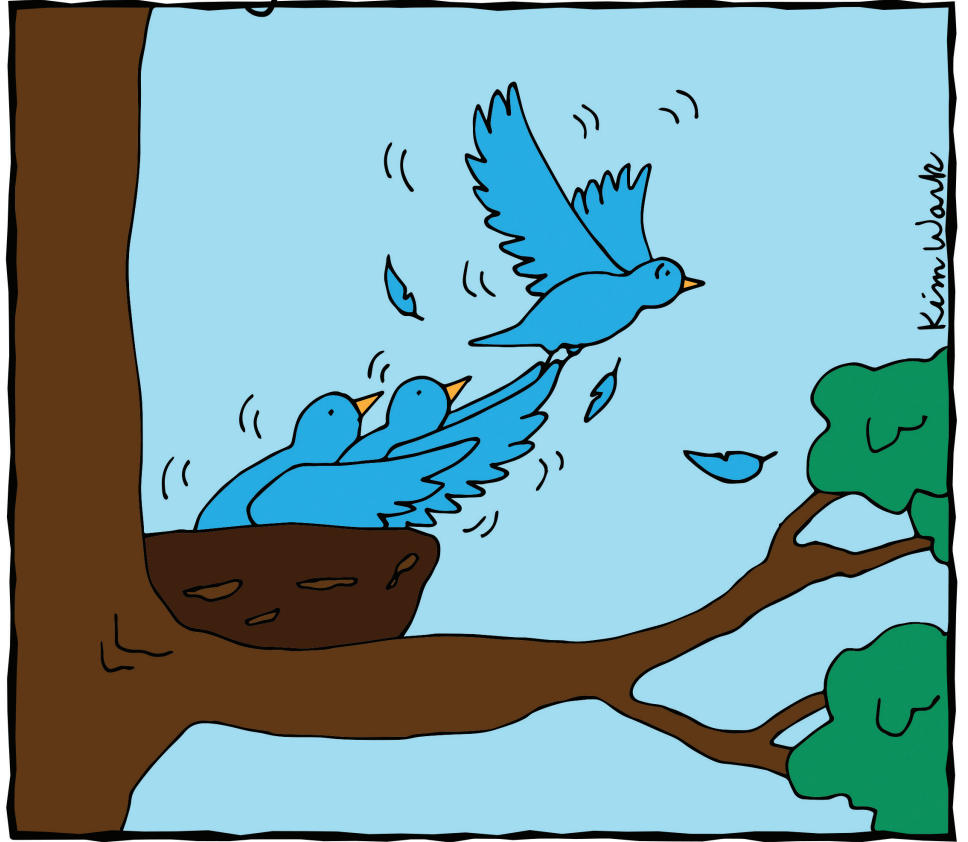
There have been past attempts at the creation of business associations that have failed to pick up traction, and while the possible creation of a Business Improvement Area for Minden had been on the to-do list of Minden's Hills' economic development, destination and marketing officer, she told councillors earlier this year there didn't seem to be much of an appetite amongst business owners for a formal BIA.

These are but some of the challenges facing Minden business owners. Heading into what is a busy shopping season for many, certainly as individuals we can do our part by keeping local businesses in mind. An item or two may make all the difference for the month. You never know how close a business may be to closing its doors.



CHAD INGRAM
Reporter

Kwarky



Modern Empty Nesters

The price of puppies

LAST WEEK, I listened to my heart and quickly realized something important – namely, this was a boring thing to do.

So, for some excitement, I put down entirely too much money on the promise of a little more happiness. I bought a puppy that should arrive sometime in 2020.

I transferred some money to a fellow who breeds very good English springer spaniel pups of hunting persuasion. My last dog Callie, who died exactly a year ago today, was also a English springer spaniel (although you couldn't tell by her accent) and was a very good hunter of grouse, woodcock and waterfowl.

After Callie was gone, I thought I would give myself a little time to see how I felt about getting a new dog. And this year, I realized that I didn't want to go through another hunting season without one. Dogs, after all, are the best witnesses.

To be honest, I was surprised at how the price of puppies had gone up in the 15 years since I purchased Callie. The cost of this new pup is \$400 more than I paid for my first car.

This raised a few eyebrows from people I know.

But that's only because they do not understand what a good hunting dog brings to the table – other than chewed slippers, I mean.

A good hunting dog brings companionship, both at home and in the field. They bring listening skills and great discretion.

They give you a reason to go for a walk on a cold January day. They give you a reason to visit the lake in July. They make you laugh at their antics or beam with pride when they do the things you trained

them to do.

A good dog will teach you patience and show you unconditional love. It will impress you with an unselfish desire to please. It will ensure precious game animals are not wasted. It will find and flush birds where you could not. On the other hand, sometimes it will find things you hoped it would not – like porcupines and skunks. And, on occasion, it will roll over in front of guests – mostly in unspeakable things.

A good hunting dog is an artist that paints a mural of memories. And it adds wonderful scenes with each passing season. The images depict flushed birds rising high against autumn's backdrop. They tell of wonderful retrieves, the metronome-like motion of a docked tail doing double time, and acts of heroic athleticism – and that's just from the cats they chase.

A good hunting dog will make you go to places that you would not have otherwise gone to – like the veterinarian's office. It will also show you the meaning of happiness as it sits proudly beside the birds it collected. It will show curiosity and wonder about the world and joy as it bounds through its very small part of it.

The point I am making is that you have to weigh all these things against mere money. For if you do, you'll realize it's not that much to spend for such a friend. Especially when you amortize it over what you hope will be a good long friendship.

Lastly, a good hunting dog will be your dearest and most predictable hunting buddy. Yet, it will often be full of pleasant surprises. Which is to say, sometimes it won't chew your slippers too.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

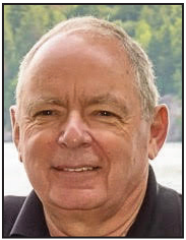
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Columns and Letters to the Editor

Education: the best climate change tool

A WHOPPING MAJORITY of we Canadians believe that climate change is real, despite the fact that we are not well educated about the topic.

That's the conclusion I draw from a new study published this fall by Lakehead University Orillia. The study has a local connection; its principal researcher is Dr. Ellen Field, a post-doctoral fellow and teacher at the university in Orillia, and the niece of well-known Haliburton resident Sharon Lawrence.



JIM POLING SR.
From Shaman's Rock

The nationwide study of 3,000-plus Canadians found that 85 per cent believe climate change is really happening. However, there's a huge gap between what we think we know about climate change, and what we really do know.

While 51 per cent of those surveyed felt well-informed about climate change, 43 per cent failed a climate change knowledge test, answering four or fewer of 10 knowledge questions correctly.

Those figures confirm what I suspect about people's knowledge of other subjects. We have opinions on everything, but few of our opinions are based on knowledge that is factual and deep.

That's because many of us get our information from television, word of mouth and social media. We used to get much of it from print newspapers and magazines, which had the resources and staff to provide more lengthy and comprehensive reporting but have been pushed aside by digital culture.

Television news is a good thing, but it provides only summary information because of time limits. Nothing deep. Nothing comprehensive.

News from friends and relatives usually is some fact mixed with gossip. Much of what we hear from other people comes from social media, where too many people dump whatever is floating loose and unorganized in their heads.

Climate change is a critical factor in our future. We all must become properly educated about the issues so we can make decisions based on facts.

The survey found that roughly two-thirds of Canadians, and an even higher percentage of educators, feel that the education system should be doing more to educate youth about climate change.

"Students, parents and teachers agreed that schools should be doing more to educate young people about climate change and that climate change education is the responsibility of the school system," Dr. Field says.

Only 35 per cent of teachers surveyed reported teaching about climate change. And, students who did get some instruction on the subject experienced only one to 10 hours instruction a year or semester.

"There is variation in teachers' level of preparedness when it comes to teaching about climate change," says Pamela Schwartzberg, president of Learning for a Sustainable Future, the non-profit organization that was a partner in the study.

The survey also was put to students 12 to 18 and found that 46 per cent of them are aware that climate change is occurring. However, they do not believe that human efforts will be effective against it.

I take that to mean that many students feel nothing can be done so we should just carry on until we all burn to a crisp or are floated away by rising sea levels.

The Lakehead study was released just after 11,000 scientists from 150-plus countries declared a "climate emergency," predicting "untold human suffering" if more is not done to stop human contribution to climate change. The declaration noted that the world population is increasing by 80 million a year, more than 200,000 a day.

The Lakehead study makes a number of recommendations for providing more climate change education in school systems. It calls on education ministries to put out policy statements to guide climate change education and to begin embedding climate change in curricula.

What the study indicates, but does not shout out, is that Canada is far behind in climate change thinking and education.

The federal government jacks up gasoline taxes and hopes climate problems will disappear. Some provinces object and the fighting begins.

Our politicians need to get fully focused on this issue and understand that education is a key force in the fight against climate change.

Australia has been at the forefront of education for sustainability for almost two decades now. It's time for Canada to start catching up.

We have become a country of talkers when we need to be a country of doers.

letters to the editor

County climate awakening

To the Editor,

"Every great and deep difficulty bears in itself its own solution. It forces us to change our thinking in order to find it." – Niels Bohr (1885-1962), Physicist & Nobel Laureate

Even the darkest cloud may have a silver lining, if only we take the time to look beyond the surface. The climate crisis presents us with a major local and global case in point. We are required to let go of a wish to return to a past when weather was generally much less disruptive and destructive, and recognize that maintaining the status quo with minor adjustments is not a viable option.

Facing this crisis honestly, openly, and without fear will permit us the golden opportunity to work cooperatively towards a more equitable, caring, sustainable, and peaceful existence. Continued individualism coupled with predatory capitalism must be recognized as a recipe for disaster, and a roadblock to any timely civilized response to global warming and climate change.

"Whatever the problem, community is the answer." That is the motto of the Berkana Institute,

centred in Natick, Massachusetts. The key principles endorsed by the Institute have been kindly summarized by author Gregg Braden, in his book *The Turning Point: Creating Resilience in a Time of Extremes* (2014):

"Every community is filled with leaders.

We don't have to wait for anyone. We have many resources with which to make things better now.

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We proceed one step at a time, making the path by walking it.

Local work evolves to create transformative social change when connected to similar work around the world."

So, what are we waiting for? Are we ready to share our thoughts on climate with each other through one or more community or town hall types of meetings? How about starting to get together in January?

John Gibb
Minden

Snowflake fundraiser for health hub

DORSET NEWS

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This holiday season the Dorset Community Partnership Fund is raising money for the Health Hub. The initiative is called Snowflakes for the Hub and the goal is to raise \$2,000 (between two teams). For every donation of \$25 or more your name will be put on a snowflake that will hang in the Hub. To make a donation visit <http://tiny.cc/snowflakes> or to donate in person email colinreaney@aol.com or burgesslt@me.com.

The Dorset Food and Toy Drive is taking place on Wednesday, Dec. 4 and vehicles will departing from Lions Camp Dorset at 6 p.m. Please leave a porch light on or signal by flashing a light. If you're unsure if we'll be coming by your place, please call Clint at 705-766-2249 or Barb at 705-766-2108. The vehicles will be identified by four way flashing lights. As always, Santa will be travelling along. If you happen to get missed, you can donate at Dorset Timber Mart, Robinson's General Store or Tower Hill Marine. The Salvation Army cannot distribute out-of-date goods. Please check expiry dates. The organizers would also like you to know that they support the Winter Pantry located

in Baysville. This event is co-sponsored by Friends of Dorset and Dorset Lions Club for the Salvation Army.

The annual Tree Lighting took place on Sunday, Nov. 24 and it was a great turnout! Kerry Lock read the list of all the past tree lighters and then introduced Eve Adkins as the 2019 tree lighter. Hot chocolate was provided and there was a bonfire to keep everyone warm. Afterwards there was a dinner at the rec centre as well as the children's gift table and Santa! Thank you to everyone who helped out and made this annual event possible.

Happy birthday to Gina Baum. For birthdays and submissions please send them to burgesslt@me.com.



Staff Pick - November

Jaime Bilodeau, Branch Assistant at the Minden Branch recommends:

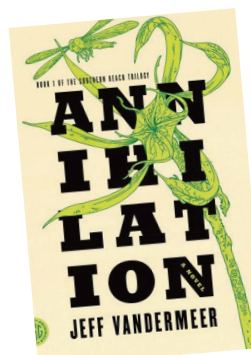
The Southern Reach Trilogy by Jeff Vandermeer

A cataclysmic event is reshaping the environment and all within it, and it's spreading. *The Southern Reach* is the name given to a government agency tasked with monitoring and studying the "shimmer," a near imperceptible barrier that divides the uninhabitable Area-X from the rest of the world. Expeditions through this hidden forcefield are dangerous, and those who make it back, if they return at all, are changed – even damaged.

Jaime says: I enjoyed this series so much because each book was from an alternate perspective. Many timelines intersect and overlap, and it really does create a cocoon of mystery and intrigue that you don't mind being trapped in.

Rating: 10/10

All three volumes of *The Southern Reach Trilogy* (*Annihilation*, *Authority*, and *Acceptance*) are available to reserve at the Haliburton County Public Library.



Reflecting on glass and mirror in Minden

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

The name All Glass & Mirror should have given a hint that Ian and Kasey MacIntyre can do anything related to glass and mirror, but it's still a surprise to find Ian hunched over a nativity scene in the businesses' new location on a Saturday morning, brainstorming with Kasey about how to best build a protective glass barrier that will keep it dry and safe from snow when it's displayed outdoors during the winter season.

The Bobcaygeon Street shop opened last month, a second spot for the family-run business, originally founded in Ajax by Ian's dad, John, in 1989. The business is still going strong in Ajax, but Ian has found a home in Minden, so the second location opened to save him the commute.

Ian has been working for his dad since he was 13, starting with summer jobs showing up as a helper after school, then working weekends and summer until he graduated high school. After studying tool and die at college, he found most jobs were night shift oriented and began "taking over the reins," working at his dad's business, All Glass & Mirror.

"So if you think to go look for a glass company, you just go under glass and you go to the first one and you call them, nobody looks for a specific name," said Ian. "He was always the first guy in the phone book because there was nothing that came before A. It's actually A period, L period, L period, but we pronounce it All Glass. That's the reason he did it like that, so we're always at the top of the phone book."

Ian says he loves the variety of the business, creating, repairing and installing everything from custom showers to display cases, store-



All Glass & Mirror Services Ltd., which has long served customers in the Durham Region, now has a second location at 53 Bobcaygeon Road in Minden under the management of Ian and Kasey MacIntyre. The business offers anything glass and mirror related, including windows, mirrors and closet repairs, custom shower stalls, deck glass and hardware and thermal unit repairs. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

front repairs, gym mirror walls, glass railings, windows and closet doors for commercial or residential properties.

"Anything with glass or mirror in it, we do," he said. "Everything's always a new project, you're never doing the same thing, really. Everything is custom about it, nothing is just continuous work over and over."

Ian and Kasey take pride in the service they offer, doing a lot of repair work rather than pushing for new installations.

"My dad has always strived for and always taught me, it's all about service, you have to keep the customer service, that's the biggest thing," said Ian. "We're not here to throw windows down your throat, it's service." Ian said he runs things differently than some businesses nowadays.

"Nobody wants to service things, everyone wants to sell you something new," he said, noting that if it's a simple repair, that's what he does.

"If your son happens to put a puck through your window, we've done that," said Kasey.

"Cracked glass, we can change just the glass and not have to go in and put a whole frame in. A lot of people are convinced that, new window, it's going to cost a lot of money, because you'll have to do the frame and all, whereas I can go in and just replace the glass insert with a new thermal unit. That way, it's a new window, but using your existing frame which is the expensive part."

"We're a family business and we like to keep it that way," said Kasey.

Ian first visited the area as a teenager, to give ice racing a go. He's always had a love for motor sports, and at a summer event, someone told him about the ice racing that happens in Minden each winter. The first weekend did not appeal to him – it was minus 50 that day. "We didn't even leave the car, just the heat on," he said. "We were like, 'why do people do this to themselves?'" When the weather

warmed up to minus 4 or so, he said he thought he'd "give it another kick." That was 18 years ago, and he's been ice racing ever since.

He met Kasey when she was working at the Rockcliffe, but it wasn't until one night that she was there not working that they sat to chat. "I asked him what All Glass stood for, that's the first thing I said to him, because he had the sweater on," said Kasey. That was seven years ago.

"Every winter when we came up, the people here, it always amazed me how nice the people of Minden were when I first came up," said Ian. "You'd go to a convenience store and someone would hold the door for you ... just the little things, right? I was always shocked by it. From then it was like, I've got to move to a small town place because I'm not built for this city living."

Now Ian and Kasey are married and own and operate the new location of the family business together, opening the storefront this past October.

"You need to get out, you need to have the exposure, people need to see what you sell," said Ian. "If I go to someone's house and talk to them, sometimes they feel more comfortable coming in and being able to see what I can offer them as opposed to just taking my word and going, I hope it's what I [visualize]."

"It's pretty intense, all the stuff we can do," said Kasey, but she says the office is laid back, offering a couch with a TV or Big Al the turtle to watch for those waiting for something Ian might be able to fix or create in a few minutes.

All Glass & Mirror is located at 53 Bobcaygeon Road in Minden. Phone 705-286-4994 for more information, or just walk in from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday, or 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays

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Lorraine's Floral Creations bloom

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

Lorraine Turcotte's floral work can be seen adding fresh flair throughout the county, from the streets of Kinmount, to the hallway of the county building, and in homes, businesses and at weddings throughout the area.

Turcotte graduated from a two-year retail floral culture program at Humber College in 1981.

"I was in the guidance counsellor room at high school, happened upon it and thought, this sounds interesting," she said, of her interest in the program. "And that's where it started. I wasn't an artsy person at all, but I absolutely love what I do. Still doing it."

She worked at Campbell's Flower Shop for about 25 years, noting that Pat Campbell was a strong influence in her career. After Minden Florist, where Turcotte had worked for seven years, closed earlier this year, she unexpectedly opened her own home business soon after.

"My kids were the ones who really pushed me to think about it," she said.

Just three weeks after Minden Florist closed, her son had set up a web page and her social media pages, and his girlfriend was taking photos of her work.

"My website was up a day and I got a phone call for flowers," said Turcotte. "I phoned my suppliers and they were up the next day and it just snowballed from there. It was like, wow. I actually thought I would just pick up the odd wedding here and there but it's just kicking off crazy."

Turcotte said she had a fantastic, busy



Lorraine Turcotte of Lorraine's Floral Creations poses with a custom creation - a Christmas gnome. Working out of Kinmount independently after years as a florist in Minden, Lorraine's specialties include wedding arrangements and indoor and outdoor custom decorating. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

"It's very time-consuming, I'm lucky if I get a meal on the table," she laughed. "I said to my husband, can we just not eat, then I wouldn't have to spend time grocery shopping or cooking."

Though Turcotte is happy to create whatever is needed, she said she especially loves to prepare wedding arrangements.

"My favourite is weddings, I love weddings," she said. "I just love making beautiful flowers for brides, it's just so rewarding when you see the pictures afterwards. I really enjoy that."

This fall, Turcotte had two weddings on the same weekend, committing to both because she was friends with the families.

"I had 45 minutes of sleep on the Friday night, it was crazy," she laughed. "But they both turned out beautiful, and everyone was happy, and as Bon Jovi says, you can sleep when you're dead!"

Turcotte serves the area including Kinmount, Minden, Carnarvon, Norland, Cobocok and occasionally Haliburton.

"I actually delivered to Lindsay a few weeks ago," she said and then laughing: "I'm new in the business, I'll take anything."

Turcotte said she's very fortunate that her clients over the years have stayed with her, saying that she's thrilled that the business has been "way more than I expected," and that her family has been so supportive in helping her.

"I do all the designing though, they don't do any of that," she laughs.

For more information, visit Lorraine's Floral Creations on Facebook or Instagram, at lorrainesfloralcreations.ca or by phone at 705-344-1531.

summer, with 13 weddings booked.

"I was so pleased, so thrilled," she said.

The timing for Lorraine's Floral Creations worked out well. Though her family has been

urging her to start her own business for years, with Turcotte's kids being grown, she can focus on her work, noting she doesn't have kids to raise now, just a grandchild to spoil.

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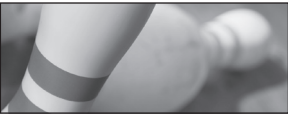
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High Single – Cathy Snell – 218
High Single Hcp – Norma Terro – 238
High Triple – Cathy Snell – 574
High Triple Hcp – Heather Taylor – 695

This Week’s Highs – Men
High Single – Rick West – 331
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High Triple – Rick West – 843
High Triple Hcp – Rick West – 843

Tuesday Afternoon Bowling Scores Nov. 19

Men
High Average – Ken Thompson 193
High Single – Emile Duchene 226
High Single H/C – Emile Duchene 270
High Triple – John Pugh 580
High Triple H/C – Emile Duchene 687

Women
High Average – Chris Cote 181
High Single – Johanna Hayward 195
High Single H/C – Johanna Hayward 257
High Triple – Mabel Clendenning 532
High Triple H/C – Mabel Clendenning 670

Thursday Afternoon High Bowling Scores Nov. 21

Ladies
High Single: Nancy Charlton 210
High Single w/hdcp: Laura Penny 280
High Triple : Elli Welch. 512
High Triple w/hdcp: Laura Penny 690

Men
HighSingle: Doug Reinwald. 216
High Single w/hdcp: Dan Penny 252
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New HVAC company opens doors

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Kieran Gillooly brings 15 years of experience in the heating and cooling industry with him as he opens his new business, Northern HVAC Co.

"I got into it right after high school," says Gillooly from his home office near Halls Lake in Algonquin Highlands. "I basically do everything in the HVAC spectrum."

Among the services he offers are furnace work, ductwork, work on boilers, fireplaces, air conditioning, gas piping, hot water tanks and heat pumps, as well as chimneys.

"I need to do it for myself," Gillooly, who most recently worked for another local HVAC company, says of his decision to strike out on his own. "I'm creating the path for my kids to follow."

"Our son likes to do everything his dad does," says Gillooly's wife Kayla, who'll be running the business alongside her husband.

"I see it as a family business," Gillooly says. "I couldn't have done it without Kayla, she's really kind of taken the reins."

A Facebook page Kayla has set up for the company already has hundreds of followers and she uses social media to promote the business and connect with customers. To mark the opening of the business, the couple did a draw for a \$100 Visa gift card live on Facebook.

"We did the draw live, and a local lady from Kinmount won it," Kayla says.

Anyone who attended the Haliburton or Minden Santa Claus parades this past weekend may have seen the Northern HVAC Co. float, and anyone who snapped a photo of the float, tagging the business on social media, had their name entered into a draw for a Christmas basket.

The community, and being a part of it, is important to the couple. A couple of years ago, Gillooly experienced a brain bleed following a baseball injury.

"Everyone was there for us," Kayla says, and as a way



Kayla and Kieran Gillooly in their home office for Northern HVAC Co. The new business opened last week, and offers the full gamut of HVAC services. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

of saying thank you, Gillooly donated his time to install the heating system at the Haliburton Youth Wellness Hub. The couple plan to give away a turkey to a family in need in December.

Northern HVAC Co. also offers a seniors' discount of 20 per cent off for those 65 and older, with Kayla noting they realize the constraints of living on a fixed income.

"Eventually I'll have employees, but I'm going to stay

small," Gillooly says, adding he doesn't expect to have more than a few employees alongside himself. He's willing to travel up to about an hour and 45 minutes, so along with Haliburton County, will provide service in Muskoka, Bancroft and other areas.

For more information on Northern HVAC Co. and its services, visit the company's Facebook page or call 705-489-2001.



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Above, Gail Simon, Donna Monk and Tracy Gualberto greeted shoppers in the Hyland Crest gift shop during the Minden Health Care Auxiliary's Christmas Lunch and Gift Shop Sale held Nov. 23 at Hyland Crest.

Right, friends and family dined and socialized at the Minden Health Care Auxiliary's Christmas Lunch and Gift Shop Sale. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



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Val Carr is an annual supporter of the Festival of Trees event. This year, she visited the community program and fundraiser each day bringing different family members to participate, including on her birthday, Nov. 23.



Diane Dollo participated in a sneak peek of the 10th annual Festival of Trees held at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Nov. 21. The community program and fundraiser was open from Nov. 22 to 24 and offered more than 50 trees, gift baskets, gift certificates and wreaths in a festive raffle. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

Festival of Trees celebrates 10 years

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

The annual Festival of Trees, held this year from Nov. 22 to Nov. 24, celebrated 10 years this past weekend, offering more than 50 decorated Christmas trees and wreaths, gift baskets and gift certificates created and donated by local merchants, residents and groups.

Presented by the Minden Rotary Club and sponsored by UpRiver Trading Co., Minden Subaru, Generator Solutions and Garbutt Disposal, the event this year spread out around the Minden Hills Cultural

Centre grounds, with a candy shop and gift store located at Sterling Bank, hot chocolate and cider on offer at the Bowron Lighthouse, Christmas craft making at the Schoolhouse and traditional Christmas music by Gord Kidd and Friends, Brad Sales and Ian Pay in the Bethel Church alongside the prize displays.

"I think that our village is absolutely the best it's ever been," said Laurie Carmount, MHCC curator, during the event's sneak peek held Nov. 21. She thanked "the ongoing dedication" of Pam Smith, and thanked volunteers Elli Welch, Deb Mansfield, Pat Campbell, Jaklin Johnston and Tammy Lynis as well as staff including Emily Stonehouse and Shannon Quigley.



At the Festival of Trees sneak peek held Nov. 21, visitors had their mind on Minden spotting downtown landmarks on a Christmas in Minden wreath by D-signs by Donna in the Agnes Jamieson Gallery.

Renaissance Tree by Brian and Mary Hamilton, and Angel Dreams by Dollos Foodland welcomed visitors to Bethel Church on the Minden Hills Cultural Centre grounds.

Red Hawks looking to be a contender

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Even though the Red Hawks senior girls' volleyball team lost a core group of players from its Central Ontario Secondary School Associations championship finalist team, head coach Steve Smith isn't lowering expectations this year.

Last year's team, which was coached by Dan Gimon, were a match shy of an all-provincial final berth, losing to Quinte Christian High School Eagles 0-3. The second place finish was a brilliant silver lining to the season that ended with a loss.

Smith believes in the players on the team this

year and isn't even hinting at anything else but a return to being among the top again.

"It doesn't change. It doesn't change," he said. "I put it out there in front of them like a carrot and just said, 'This is where I hope to be and you guys need to work towards it.'"

He added when the Hawks walk into an opposing school's gym that the other team expects a competitive game. Any loss will be by two points rather than 10 or 12, he said.

"That's how competitive they want to be this year so they have agreed to that sort of game plan that we have. So they're working towards it."

The team is preparing for the season by working



Senior volleyball players Skye Lamshead, left, and Rebecca Archibald touch hands during a bumping drill while head coach Steve Smith, at back, monitors the time at a pre-season practice on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Smith leads the seniors, taking over from last year's coach Dan Gimon./DARREN LUM Staff

on the fundamentals in the pre-season, Smith said.

Continuity is a strength of the program and will help players moving up from junior.

Smith said the program's system of play hasn't changed for the past decade, which is the five-one – one setter with five hitters.

This year's team will feature two liberos (one being Ruthie Parker) and a defensive specialist. Alyssa Bogardis is expected to be the specialist, but will also be super utility player, who will be used at four spots (setting, libero, defence and serving). Although two liberos can't be on the floor at once, a defensive specialist can share the floor with a libero.

Although the team had lost power players Dakota MacDonald and Natalya Gimon, and veteran setter Arden Harrop, the team has gained first-year senior Haley Boylan, who was the junior setter last year.

Boylan's knowledge of the system will help in the move up. Emma Casey

returns as setter for her second year. Skye Lamshead and Alexius Mills were mentioned as among several to step into the power position.

For the next two years Smith will helm the seniors while Gimon will coach the juniors.

The team's first league action will be on the road the first week of December.

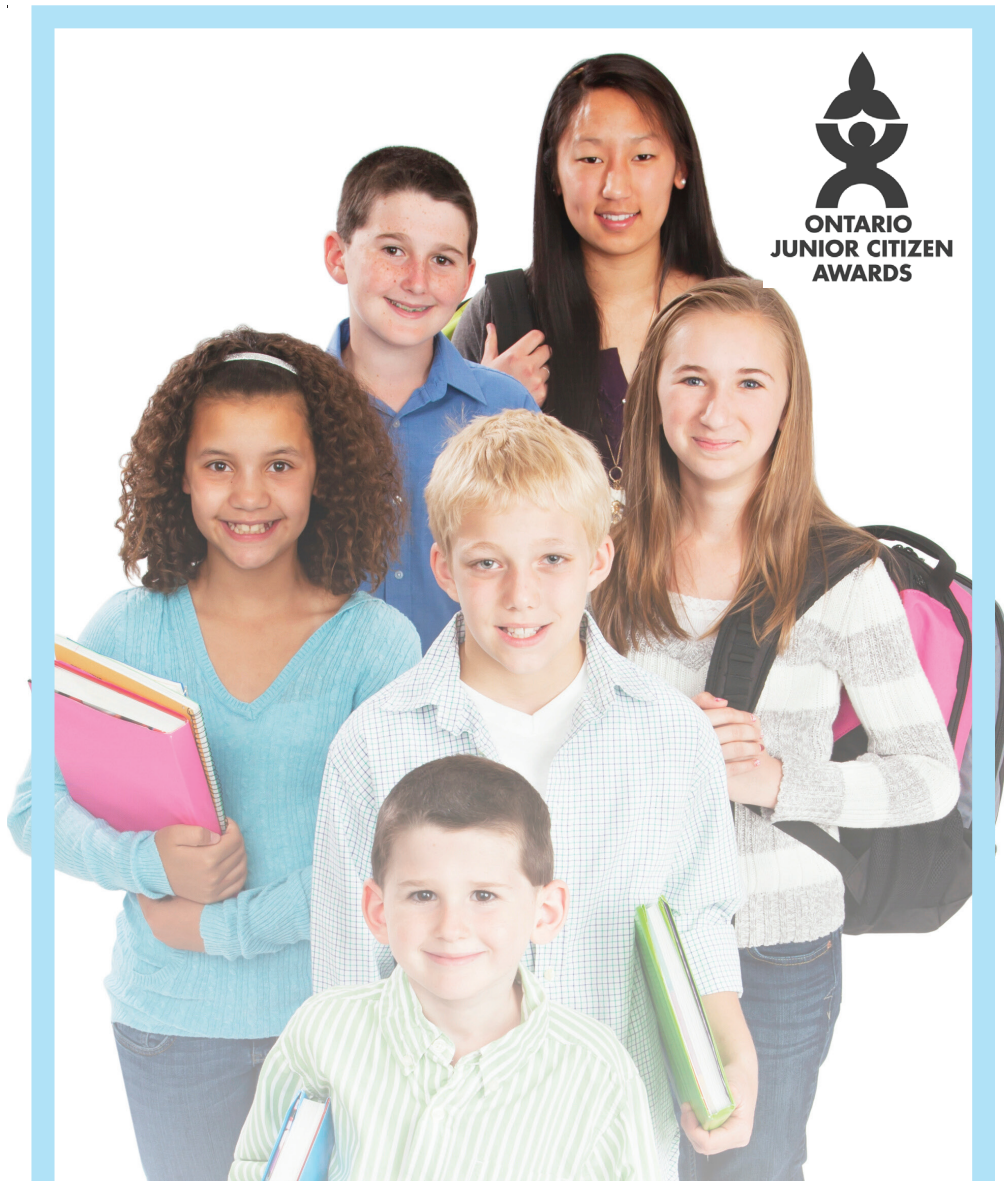
Their first home tournament won't be until the new calendar year, which will test the organizational skills of the Hawks players, who will be forced to travel hours to play.

"Huge difference is the girls have to be prepared academically as well as physically. So the demands on them are a little more academically than physically, but it just means it's a longer day so all the ones we go to are tournaments. So it's a long day. They've got to be mentally prepared, physically prepared and academically they have to stay on top of their homework," he said.

A tentative schedule has been made, but nothing has been confirmed.



Red Hawks senior volleyball player Gillian Rosik bumps the ball at a pre-season practice on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.



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Wildcats steal Red Hawks' joy

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

When the Red Hawks Grade 12 player Paul Turner tied the game 3-3 with a little more than three minutes left it buoyed hopes for a comeback against the visiting I.E. Weldon Wildcats.

With a small, but boisterous home crowd cheering, that hope was dashed a few minutes later despite the momentum from the goal and having more available skaters than the Wildcats.

Unfortunately, the Wildcats won the game 4-3 after Jackson Allen spoiled the impending party with a goal in the final seconds from an odd man rush, following a breakout from their own end when the Hawks couldn't keep possession of the puck even though they won the draw from the faceoff.

Following a hit from behind, Hawks defenceman Dylan Keefer was attended to by team trainer Brett Caputo. Keefer was assisted off the ice by a pair of his teammates. He will be re-evaluated, but was seen in the stands out of his equipment with peers in the third period.

The coach hopes his player is OK and said it was a "dirty hit" and these kind of plays take away from the joy of the game. There was a five minute penalty and a game misconduct assessed to the Wildcats player. Additional consequences for the visiting player are unknown.

Morissette was impressed by the discipline of his players, who did not reciprocate the hit with anything remotely similar.

Losing Keefer for part of the second and all of third period was a blow to the Hawks, Morissette said.

"There's no question. It's difficult to replace that. We went down ... to four defencemen and again, could we use him at the end of the game, to kind of lock some things down? Sure. The guys did their adjustments. They tried what they could do, but again, it's tough. I call it lunch box hockey ... you're working hard. You're kind of staying in there. You're trying to give it your best and I still think the boys did really, really well. I said to them, you won your first game 7-0. That was a great hockey game, but a very different hockey team they're playing. A very different goalie they played in the first game. This goalie here was on his game today. And the other [thing] is this was a lot more stress. It was one goal [differences] all the way through. And I did expect that that's going be typical of a lot of our season," he said.

He'll be getting his team to work on the defensive end more and impress upon his forwards to not get caught deep and give up as many odd man rushes as experienced in the Wildcats game.

This game contrasted greatly with the home opener when the Hawks routed the



I.E. Weldon Wildcats netminder Ryan Trennym is beaten by Red Hawks player Paul Turner, who scored his first goal of the 2019/2020 season to tie up the game 3-3 with a little more than three minutes left in regulation in Kawartha High School Hockey League action on Monday, Nov. 25 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The Hawks lost 4-3 to the visitors. /DARREN LUM Staff

Mustangs 7-0.

It was a back and forth battle, decided in the final seconds.

Keefer started the scoring with an unassisted goal midway in the first period for a 1-0 lead. Wildcat Jacob Downey's laser shot tied it up at the start of the second while on the powerplay. Downey's teammate Jacob Moore put the Wildcats up 2-1 when he scored on the open side of Maddock, who couldn't recover when the puck rebounded off the boards to Moore from a low errant point shot. Hawks player Brendan Coumbs found the back of the net with a high flip onto the net from Isaac Little, handcuffing the Wildcats goalie Ryan Trennym to tie up the game with three seconds left in the second period. Turner, who was assisted by Braeden Robinson and Ty Mills scored with minutes to go while in tight (after a timely pinch by Mills) and alone on Trennym, but the Hawks lost after giving up the winning goal with seconds left in regulation to lose the game.

Hawks rookie Grade 10 goalie Darian Maddock got the start and impressed his coach.

"He controlled his rebounds into the corner a lot and the truth is you can't leave it all on the goalie. At the end you're getting an odd man rush. And the truth is we learned a lot today about the fact I said to them, 'Really you have to always expect the unexpected and you have to work right to the end. Right to the last second of the game,'" he said.

The coach added the game was an education for him as much as his young players, which taught him to understand which players are suited for particular scenarios.

Morissette said for now the goalies will alternate starts, but will apply "strategic plan-

ning" later in the season. However academic responsibilities will trump athletics and will influence scheduling goalie starts or awarding playing time to players, who he refers to as "student athletes."

"We want to express to the players that if you want to play hockey, you want to go on those road trips, you want to have fun then you make sure you're [fulfilling academic responsibilities] and then it's all good," he said.

The team plays its next four games away from the A.J. LaRue arena and will be used for team building and bonding. Road trips, Morissette said, are an opportunity for the seniors to establish themselves as leaders

and to instill respect in the younger team members.

Before 2020, the team ends 2019 with a home game against the Lions of Adam Scott on Wednesday, Dec. 18 at the A.J. LaRue arena in Haliburton. Puck drops at 4 p.m.

Turner made light of his first goal of the season in the loss, adding he doesn't expect it to be his last.

He credited the visiting Wildcats for their play, particularly the quick skaters such as Wildcats defenceman Downey, who finished with three points (goal and two assists).

He adds the Hawks played strongly.

"All in all we played well. Everybody did their job pretty well and just barely lost," he said.

This is Turner's first season with the team after not being able to suit up for the Hawks due to injury last year.

Although it's early, he said, the team is playing well.

His hope for the team this season is to at least earn a berth to COSSA, but believes victory at that tournament is possible.

"I think we can win COSSA, if we all play as hard as we can," he said.

Hawks note:

The team has agreed to a scheduled volunteering day for Heat Bank Haliburton County, a program of the Central Food Network, this Friday at Abbey Gardens.

"It just gives awareness that the guys are trying to be good. They're trying to be good people and contribute and help out," Morissette said.

He adds Heat Bank co-ordinator Tina Jackson will appreciate the help and the publicity because they could use more donations of wood.

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Pickleball offers fantastic exercise

I FINALLY HAD the opportunity to play pickleball. Yes, you read that correctly. There is a game called “pickleball.” There is no food involved but there is a part of the court that is called the kitchen. I will admit that I avoided giving it a shot for a long while. I kept hearing about people in their 60s and 70s playing it. I wasn’t ready to be part of that crowd. My opinion was altered when I saw kids playing it. Then it became intriguing. I’m keen to try any activity that appeals to the young and the older generation. Pickleball was invented in 1965 on

Bainbridge Island, Washington by three dads (Joel Pritchard, Bill Bell and Barney McCallum) whose kids were bored on a lovely summer afternoon. The story goes that they set up the badminton net but couldn’t find a bird so they lowered the net, found a Wiffle ball and made paddles from plywood. Apparently, the name came from the Pritchards’ dog, Pickles, who would often run off with the ball. I have now played twice. I am hooked. It has been more than 15 years since I have played a racquet sport. In my lifetime I have played competitive tennis and squash. I have also played ping pong. To me, pickleball feels like a combination of tennis and ping pong played on a badminton sized court. Like tennis, the net is close to the floor. The ball that is used is bigger than a tennis ball but doesn’t bounce as much. The paddle makes it like ping pong. Hitting the ball (effectively) is more like a push than a swing. In fact my years of tennis and squash tend to get in the way of me putting the ball where I want it to go. It’s an adjustment I’m willing to work on. The benefits of this sport are: Cardio/Stamina: Pickleball is usually played as doubles (two people per side) but there is still a ton of movement. The rallies seem to go on long because of the larger/slower ball and the size of the court. That

means you’re engaged for longer periods and that builds cardiovascular strength and stamina. Coordination: You have to move your feet and swing a racquet to connect with a ball to get it over a net and within the boundaries of a court. That develops hand, eye and foot coordination. Reflexes: That ball is not predictable. While it is slower than a tennis ball it can still move quickly. Sometimes if your opponent puts a spin on it, it does not bounce in the way that you are anticipating it will (speaking from experience here). It’s this type of activity that improves our reflexes.



LAURIE SWEIG
Practical Fitness

I am stating publicly that I love this activity. It gets my body moving in ways it hasn’t moved in years. I am tired at the end of the evening and a little slow moving the next morning. While I am fit in some ways, I’ve lost my racquet sport fitness. I am happy to be getting it back in such a fun way. The best part is at the end of every match there’s a fist bump instead of a handshake. It’s the official pickleball handshake. How cool is that? Something to think about. Laurie Sweig is a certified personal fitness trainer and spinning instructor. She owns and operates The Point for Fitness. She can be reached at laurie@thepointforfitness.com.

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COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING APPLICATION FOR MINOR VARIANCE

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TIME: 9:30 AM
LOCATION: Municipal Council Chambers
7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.
to consider minor variance applications **PLMV2019063**, **PLMV2019066**, **PLMV2019067**, and **PLMV2019068**. The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider the proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act. The minor variance applications being considered are listed below:

PLMV2019063 - Part of Lot 19 & 20, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1297 Kashagawigamog Lake Road; and located on Kashagawigamog Lake (see Key Map).
Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the replacement of two sleeping cabins totaling 65.5 m2 (705sq.ft.) in size with a single sleeping cabin measuring 49 m2 (527.4sq.ft.) which would maintain an existing setback of 30m. (98'5") from the High Water Mark. The variance sought would allow for a sleeping cabin to exceed the maximum 35 m2 (376.7sq.ft.) otherwise permitted.

PLMV2019066 - Part of Lot 7, Concession 12, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as 1140 Sandy Bay Road; and located on Gull Lake (see Key Map).
Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of a new 245.3 m2 (2,640sq.ft.) dwelling to be located within the required rear yard. The variance sought would allow for a reduction in the required rear yard from 12m. (39'4") to 5.2m. (17') and would permit a maximum lot coverage of 17% whereas 15% would otherwise be the maximum permitted.

PLMV2019067 - Part of Lot 30, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1942 Soyers Lake Road; and located on Soyers Lake (see Key Map).
Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit a reduction in the required setback from the High Water Mark for a lot created after February 22, 2005. The variance sought would allow for a setback of 23m. (75'6") whereas 30m. (98'5") would otherwise be the minimum required setback.

PLMV2019068 - Part of Lot 22, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Snowdon; municipally known as 4339 Gelert Road (see Key Map).
Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit a reduction in the required Side Yard Setback for a garage. The variance sought would allow for a setback of 1.6m. (5'1") whereas 2m. (6'7") is otherwise the minimum required setback.

HAVE YOUR SAY: Input on the above noted applications is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Township. If you do not attend the public meeting, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in The Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

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For more information about this matter contact iclendening@mindenhills.ca.

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Council hears request to resurrect cultural centre foundation
by CHAD INGRAM
Staff Reporter

A volunteer board is hoping to resume the work of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation and is looking to the Township of Minden Hills for a loan to help get it started. Mayor Hines for a loan to help get it started. Councilors for the township were visited by Patricia Wallace and Jack Brucato during a meeting.

Growing up in Cobocok during the war
by SUE TITEN
Times Staff

Mary Volante has lived through the Second World War. "I was born in the day I finished the war," she says. "I was born in the day I finished the war." She remembers where she was born, how she grew up, and the war years. She says she was born in the day I finished the war. She remembers where she was born, how she grew up, and the war years. She says she was born in the day I finished the war. She remembers where she was born, how she grew up, and the war years.

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Spike in opioid overdoses, deaths in 2018
by CHAD INGRAM
Staff Reporter

There was a surge of opioid-related overdoses and deaths in the area reported by local health units in 2018. During an Oct. 22 meeting, Haliburton County councillors received a presentation on the Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, and Northumberland Drug Strategy from Megan Devine, the project coordinator. She said the strategy is a multi-agency effort to reduce the harm of opioids in the region.

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Where: Haliburton Highlands Museum, 66 Museum Road
Join us to make crafts and play some fun games.
Ages 6-10, Free. Please pre-register. Contact Kate Butler at 705-457-2760 or kbutler@haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com

Inspiring Women's Luncheon

When: Thursday, Nov. 28, 12 - 2:30 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion
Cost: \$30. Please join us for our Inspiring Women's Luncheon featuring professional speaker and author, Sharon Campbell Rayment. We will enjoy a wonderful lunch catered by McKecks Fine Catering, and inspirational talk from Sharon, fine decorating by Elegant Events, and the company of great people from across the Haliburton Highlands.

Christmas Luncheon, Bake Sale & Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shop

When: Friday Nov. 29, starting at 11:30 a.m.
Where: Highland Hills United Church, 21 Newcastle Street, Minden, Lower Level
Lunch by Donation. For information call 705-286-3026

Highland Festival Singers, We need a little Christmas!

Directed by Melissa Stephens
When: Sunday Dec. 1 at 3 p.m., Tuesday Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m.
Where: Haliburton United Church, 10 George St. Haliburton
Tickets: \$15 General Admission. Available from Choir members, Cranberry Cottage or Minden Pharmasave
For tickets or information contact us at 705-457-4916

Christmas in The Highlands

When: Wed. Dec. 4, 2 p.m.
Where: Highland Hills United Church, Minden.
Come and celebrate the joy of the Christmas season
Donations to the Minden Food Bank most appreciated. All are welcome!

Kinmount Christmas Tree Lighting

When: Thursday, Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m.
Where: Kinmount Railway Station
Carol singing, pictures with Santa, refreshments
Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Open House and Enviro-Hero Awards
When: Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019 from 1 to 4 p.m.
Where: HHLT Office, 739 Mountain St. Haliburton
Join us in thanking our volunteers, say hello to friends and enjoy a treat. Enviro-Hero Awards will take place at 2 p.m. All welcome!

Children's Christmas Gift Sale

When: Friday Dec. 6, 4 to 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: St. Paul's Anglican Church, 19 Invergordon Ave, Minden
Nothing cost more than \$1. Children come and shop for Christmas Gifts for family & friends. We will help the children shop, wrap and tag the gifts, they will be ready to take home and put under the tree.

Christmas Luncheon

When: Friday, Dec. 6, 11:30 to 1:30 p.m.
Where: Our Lady of Fatima Church, 7 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden
Bucket draw, Santa squares, bake sale.
Admission by donation (Snow Date Dec. 7)

Kinmount Christmas in the Village

When: Saturday, Dec. 7
Where: Kinmount
Pancake breakfast at St. James Church from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Christmas market, wagon rides, Kinney the Elf hunt, Legion Christmas party at 2 p.m. Christmas Music Night at Galway Hall at 7 p.m. with Frank and Chanda Leahy and Family with loonie auction and desserts. For tickets to the music night, call 705-488-2635

Gord Kidd & Friend, Don Stiver & Ian Pay at the Kinmount Legion

When: Saturday, Dec. 7, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Kinmount Legion
For more information: <https://www.gordkidd.com/>
Join Gord Kidd & Friend, Don Stiver & Ian Pay for a Country Christmas Show
Date: Saturday, Dec. 7, 2 to 5 p.m.
Where: Minden Legion
Light lunch available 12 to 2 p.m., meat draw 1 p.m.
No cover charge. Support your local Legion.



Shayla Newhook, Jolie Warford and Layla Adams read with Tom Lee during a monthly visit between Grade 6 Archie Stouffer Elementary Students and Hyland Crest day program participants.

Sharing the joy of reading

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

Once a month, a class of Grade 6 students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School exits the front door of the building with books in hand and walks the next block over toward Hyland Crest long-term care home.

There, they form small groups with day program participants or residents and begin to read.

Over the years, teacher Cheryl Patterson has brought students from Grades 1 to 4 to engage with residents and program participants, but this year is the first time she has brought a Grade 6 class.

"They're as into it as the little ones were," she says as she looks around the room on Nov. 21 at the busy but quiet activity.

In the groups, students surround day program participants, comfortably lounging into their seats while they read, facing the book toward the group. The adults and students both are paying close attention as the pages turn, following along and helping each other out with tricky vocabulary.

"It's great for me, especially if some of them have trouble with the words and whatnot, I'm glad to help them," said Tom Lee of his time spent with the students. "It's nice to hear them read."

Patterson said she asked her students what they think about this sort of intergenerational experience, with a resounding

yes in response to whether or not they enjoy it.
"I think the people we read with are funny and teach us things," said student Jolie Warford. "I learned how to spell Scooby Doo using Morse Code! I also think it puts a smile on their face."
"Reading with them is calming," said Ethan Hullah. "It's a break from regular school work. I think it brightens up their day."
"I like it because some of them share stories," said Layla Adams. "They share their experiences with us."
"It feels nice to be with someone who is really sweet," said Chloe Paradie.
"I like reading with them because I think it makes them happy," said Owen Whitteker.
"Maybe some of them don't get to see their family that often, so it's nice for us to visit them," said Parker Simms.
"I think it's nice for the adults," said Ryan Miller-Anderson.
Patterson said the kids often sit and talk with their partners in between books or after stories. One year when she had a split grade class, students were able to read with the same person for two consecutive years, forging friendships that lasted beyond the school year. One child visited his reading partner in the summer alongside his mom.
"In Feed All Four [a Trillium Lakelands District School Board model], we teach that we need to feed our mind (academic problems, reading, etc.), body (keeping fit, getting sleep, etc.), spirit (doing things to enrich the lives of oth-

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NOTICE SPECIAL MEETING

2020 BUDGET PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES

TAKE NOTICE that there will be a Special Meeting of Council on Monday, December 9, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss projects and priorities for the 2020 Budget. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers located at 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands.

Dated this 20th day of November, 2019.
Dawn Newhook, Clerk
Township of Algonquin Highlands
1123 North Shore Road
Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1
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Once a month, Grade 6 students from Archie Stouffer Elementary School visit Hyland Crest long-term care home to read alongside the Day Program participants, or Hyland Crest residents.

Above, Jenna Pletch and Piper Porter read with Lorna Hicks (and Jennifer Upton, not shown). Right, Tim Sharpe and Owen Whitteker enjoy a book together. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



It's about 'making somebody happy'

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ers) and emotions (doing things that make us happy)," said Patterson. "We have talked about the fact that reading at Hyland Crest feeds our minds, our emotions and our spirit – and even our bodies ... if you include our walk there and back!"

After about half an hour, the students pack up their books to head back to school while the day program participants, on this day, scoot their chairs closer to each other to snack on

some Krispy Kreme doughnuts.

"It's pretty good, it's nice, I feel like it helps them with their day a little bit, too," said student Megan Mercer after time spent reading. "Just basically making somebody happy, that's all that really matters."



NOTICE

December and January Council Meeting Schedule

Notice is hereby provided that Council Meetings are reduced to one meeting per month during the months of December and January, to be held in the **Council Chambers at 1123 North Shore Road (Municipal Office)** on the following dates:

Thursday, December 12, 2019
Thursday, January 16, 2020

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Township of Algonquin Highlands

NOTICE

Fees and Charges

NOTICE is hereby provided that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands intends to consider amending Comprehensive Fees and Charges By-Law 2018-122 at its regular meeting to be held on
Thursday, December 12, 2019
The meeting will be held at the Municipal Council Chambers, 1123 North Shore Rd.

Dated: November 27, 2019

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: Whyte
Lot 24, Concession 5, Maple Lake,
Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 24, Concession 5, Maple Lake, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 24, Concession 5, Maple Lake, described as all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

FIRSTLY: THAT part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 24, Concession 5, described as Part 4 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-10286.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the **12th day of December, 2019** and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. Any person who wishes to be heard by Council regarding this proposed closure must contact the Clerk to schedule a delegation with Council.

Dated: November 27th, 2019

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: 1065397 Ontario Limited
Part of Lot 13, Concession 4,
Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of Lot 13, Concession 4, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of Lot 13, Concession 4, described as all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

FIRSTLY: THAT part of Lot 13, Concession 4, described as Part 1 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-10293.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the **12th day of December, 2019** and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. Any person who wishes to be heard by Council regarding this proposed closure must contact the Clerk to schedule a delegation with Council.

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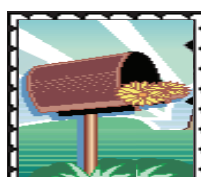
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Christmas in concert

Archie Stouffer Elementary School students celebrate the season.

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In Quotes

"I feel like we're banging our heads against a concrete wall."

Eleanor Harrison, page 2



Time for Tim Hortons

Tim Hortons and Pioneer Gas Station both opened for business on Thursday afternoon. The owner of Minden's new coffee shop, Nancy Bishop, said she has hired 30 people, 28 of them full-time. Pioneer has four employees on its payroll. Pioneer's District Manager Ray Angrove said he received 70 applications for the eight to 10 positions he will eventually fill. Both companies will be open all hours of the day.

Dysart's Bill Davis dons warden's chain of office

by JERRY GROZELLE
 Times staff

Dysart Deputy-Reeve Bill Davis will serve as warden of Haliburton County for the next year.

Past Warden Ross Rigney nominated Davis at last Tuesday night's inaugural meeting. He noted that Davis holds the distinction of being the longest serving deputy-reeve in Dysart history. With the exception of one term when he did not run because he had taken a job with the Ministry of Health, Davis has been the deputy-reeve of Dysart since 1985.

"He is only the second deputy-reeve to hold the position of Warden of Haliburton County," Rigney said.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey said "I've

had the pleasure of working with Bill for longer than most marriages last these days," Fearrey quipped. "There are four things a



Bill Davis

man goes through in his life. He starts off believing in Santa Claus. Then he disbelieves in Santa Claus. Then he is Santa Claus and then he looks like Santa Claus.

Comparing all that to Bill, this is the period in his life where he is going to be Santa Claus.

"I've come to respect that Bill's interest is in the interest of people in general and in the interest of this county."

Haliburton County CAO Gary King called

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Lagoon frozen in its tracks

by MARTHA PERKINS
 Times staff

The first phase of a septic storage lagoon at the Pine Springs landfill site has been frozen in its tracks.

Algonquin Highlands council received a letter earlier this month saying that before the lagoon project can go ahead a change to the landfill site's Certificate of Approval is required.

"We've been told the [C of A] application won't take any longer than three months which means it will be six," a frustrated Reeve Eleanor Harrison, said.

The delay means that septic waste haulers in the municipality face another winter of not having any place to store septage until it can be disposed of in the spring. Property owners therefore have to hire haulers from outside the county who have

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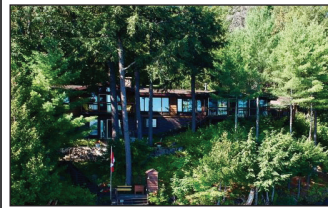
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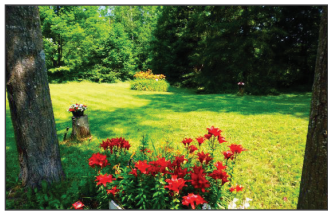
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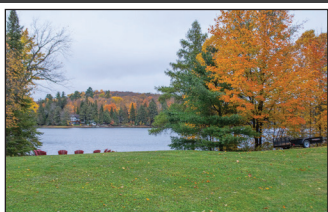
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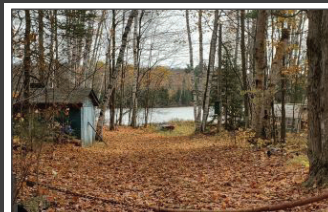
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